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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method ~~of facilitating childhood learning comprising :~~ using a select group of articles providing fastening devices for use on apparel articles; modifying the shape of the fastening devices to give the fastening devices an appearance of characters to be portrayed in a story; rendering the group of articles to be portrayed as characters in a story; and relating the story in a selected media, in order to facilitate childhood learning on how to manipulate the fastening devices.

Claim 2: (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 3 1, wherein the group ~~selectively fastening devices~~ includes at least one of a zipper, a snap, a button, a buckle, and a string and a lace.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 4, including wherein the characters include multiple characters developed using multiple zippers, multiple snaps, multiple buttons and multiple buckles and multiple strings or laces.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the media for relating the story is ~~selectively~~ at least one of a book, television or radio rendition, movie, video, cards or other ~~conventional~~ tools and devices used to facilitate learning.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shape of each article of the group fastening device is modified to give the fastening device a personalized appearance by adding features of a human being, selectively the features comprising at least one of eyes, ears, a nose, a mouth, arms or legs.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the characters ~~of the group~~ are named with a selected name to facilitate character identification and thereby promote learning.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A ~~system method of facilitating childhood learning comprising: using a select article, providing a fastening device; modifying the shape of the fastening device to give the fastening device an appearance of a character rendering the article to be portrayed as characters in a story; and relating the story in a selected media, in order to facilitate childhood learning on how to manipulate the fastening device,~~ wherein ~~the group of articles devices are fastening devices, the article being a fastening device is for use on clothes or different apparel articles media.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): A ~~system~~ method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fastening device is chosen from the group selectively includes at least one consisting of a zipper, a snap, a button, a buckle, and a string and a lace.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A ~~system of facilitating childhood learning comprising: using a select group of articles, the articles being selected from an environment which is a normally related theme fastening devices for use on apparel articles, rendering the group of articles the fastening devices having an appearance of characters to be portrayed as characters in a story; and relating the story in a selected media for relating the story, and wherein the media for relating the story is selectively being at least one of a book, television or radio rendition, movie, video, cards or other conventional tools and devices used to facilitate learning,~~

wherein association between the fastening devices and the media facilitates childhood learning on how to manipulate the fastening devices.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 13, wherein the fastening devices group selectively includes at least one of a zipper, a snap, a button, a buckle, ~~and~~ a string and a lace.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim 14, ~~including wherein the~~ characters include multiple characters developed using multiple zippers, multiple snaps, multiple buttons and multiple buckles and multiple strings or laces.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim 15, wherein ~~the fastening devices are each article of the group~~ is personalized by adding features of a human being, ~~selectively the~~ features comprising at least one of eyes, ears, a nose, a mouth, arms or legs.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each of the characters ~~of the group~~ are named with a selected name to facilitate character identification and thereby promote learning.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A system ~~of facilitating childhood learning comprising: using a select group of articles, the articles being selected from an environment which is a normally related theme,~~ fastening devices for use on apparel articles, rendering the group of articles the fastening devices having an appearance of characters to be portrayed as characters; and relating in a selected media, and wherein the media is being selectively selected from the group consisting of at least one of a book, television or radio rendition, movie, video, cards or other conventional tools and devices used to facilitate learning,

wherein association between the fastening devices and the media facilitates childhood learning on how to manipulate the fastening devices.

Claim 19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A system as claimed in claim ~~18~~ 19, wherein each ~~article of the group~~ fastening device is personalized by adding features of a human being, ~~selectively the~~ features comprising at least one of eyes, ears, a nose, a mouth, arms or legs.

Claim 21 (new): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparel articles include clothes.

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Claim 22 (new): A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the apparel articles include clothes.

Claim 23 (new): A system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the apparel articles include clothes.

Claim 24 (new): A system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the apparel articles include clothes.